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### THE SMALL TOWN PROBLEM.

This paper's suggestion of a possible solution of the small town problem by larger tax units, units which shall include both large and small towns with a distribution of tax revenue back over the territory upon a definite basis of needs but with no town losing its identity as an independent township, has brought out much favorable discussion throughout the state.

The Randolph Herald and News, one of the most ably edited newspapers in Vermont, sees elements of commendation in the plan. The Rutland Herald, one of Vermont's leading dailies, says there is the germ of a good idea in the scheme. The Morrisville Messenger, which advanced a different idea, admits our plan the best yet proposed. The Brattleboro Daily Reformer discusses the plan, but sticks to its own suggestion of partitioning up the small towns. The St. Johnsbury Republican intimates that it has seen no better plan. The Burlington Daily Free Press and the St. Albans Daily Messenger gave space to the tentative proposition.

A small town correspondent in the Brattleboro Reformer discusses the plight of the small town. He admits to finding fault with all the plans advanced with no suggestion for a remedy himself, but concludes by saying that this paper's plan is the best of those proposed.

The Bennington Daily Banner says it "is greatly interested in the plan." In putting our plan into its own words the Banner says that "the rural towns, without surrendering their identity and independent townships, can associate themselves together in groups to meet the issues of the times. In furtherance of the Monitor's suggestion The Banner would inquire if it would not be a good plan for all the rural towns of Vermont, say those of a thousand population or less, to send delegates to a conference at some central point and to undertake to arrive at a concerted plan for their future. The people of the larger towns stand ready to aid and further a movement of the sort but do not know where or how to begin."

To restate this paper's plan, it calls for:

1. A larger tax unit than the town for road and school purposes. County units are suggested, but districts at variance with county border might be advisable. The main reason for larger units is to have included in its borders both large and small towns.
2. Equalization of taxable property valuations, and a like rate assessed on all property within the district.
3. Distribution of tax revenue over the district upon a definite basis. Road money upon a mileage basis, with consideration given to trunk lines. School money upon a basis of schools maintained, with consideration of the number of pupils.

This plan would leave town lines and town organizations complete, would leave purely local affairs for town administration, would give each town representation in the legislature as now, and asks no town to give up more than every other town is asked to relinquish.

Upon the hypothesis that the county was made the unit, little additional organization would be needed because of a county clerk and treasurer already in being, a county road commissioner now provided for and district school men spread over the entire state.

The project proposes that town road and school men have some veto power over plans of the central road and school authorities, who shall permit in advance a tentative program for their work. The suggested district tax rate also comes before each town meeting for approval. In short the whole plan calls for proposals by

the district heads while the voters in the towns, or their representatives, have final disposition and approval.

The county unit has been a splendid success in the states of the West and Middle West, and while we in Vermont are not ready to give up our independent democracies, changed conditions have compelled the strictly local view of roads and schools to give way.

The old school district is hardly possible today, when so many families move from one place to another and the school courses and methods must in some measure fit the child's progress, wherever he may go. Few families today grow up in a neighborhood, marry and settle again in the same neighborhood. So with the great migratory inclination today education must be standardized more than it was 50 years ago.

And with highways, the day when every man kept his own bit of road can hardly be conceived. The automobile has brought all parts of the state as near together as was the old "East Hill" or "Burke Hollow" neighborhood, 50 years ago.

So with the changing conditions our visions and plans must grow and broaden, and as we left the school district plan for broader things, let us consider even broader plans than that of town lines. We must grow with the times, but we are too proud of our Vermont town democracies to see them vanquished or carved in pieces. Rather let us merge our interests for the common purpose of preserving rural town life, which is after all the bulwark of our civilization. Can we do it better than by a broadened community vision founded upon some such plan as that suggested above?

This paper congratulates the Newport Express and Standard upon its decision to install a Linotype. It shows progress and the publishers of this paper can testify to the benefits of these wonderful machines, having had a Linotype in operation for more than three and one-half years and a Model 14, like the machine Mr. Hildreth plans to install, in operation for several months.

Marshall E. Calkins of Westmore is being mentioned as a possible candidate for senator from the south end of Orleans county. Mr. Calkins has been a leading citizen of Westmore for many years, has been prominent in agricultural affairs and has a wide acquaintance in the county. Westmore also lays claim to a right to this honor owing to the fact that the town has never had a senator.

All this talk about prohibition and the Volstead act in connection with the gubernatorial campaign is merely a distraction and a bogey. A governor of Vermont now can have no more to do with the prohibition amendment or the Volstead enforcement act than with the acts of the Canadian parliament. The real issue is Clementism. Does Vermont want his regime to continue another two years? Will the voters be fooled into accepting some candidate or some issue which Clement and the Rutland Herald have manufactured? A candidate for governor who flirts with prohibition is only doing so to get votes and that is cheap politics. A candidate for governor ought to be willing to make his personal position known on almost any question, but to try to make his personal position on a question over which he has no authority or control a state issue, is befogging the real issues and the men behind them. Prohibition and its enforcement are past and dead issues so far as the next governor of Vermont is concerned.

**Women Petition for Special Session.**  
Burlington women who assembled to hear Miss Elsie Hill, organizer of the National Woman's party, speak on Suffrage Ratification and the 1920 Elections and the following resolution was passed without a dissenting vote:

Whereas, the federal suffrage amendment has passed the congress of the United States and has been ratified by 33 states and special sessions have been called by Delaware and Washington for March 22d for the purpose of ratifying this amendment; and

Whereas, Vermont women do not wish to be excluded from participation in the coming elections; and

Whereas the federal amendment can be ratified only by the legislatures of the several states; therefore, Be it resolved, that we, citizens of Burlington, in meeting assembled on March 9th, do hereby call upon his Excellency Gov. Percival W. Clement to summon the Vermont legislature in special session in order that the representatives of the people of this state may register their will in the prescribed constitutional manner.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions. If you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

## PRESS CLIPPINGS

Gubernatorial Faith, Hope and Charity

(Springfield Reporter)  
In naming the gubernatorial candidates, the Poultney Journal ranges them—"Hartness of Springfield, Babbitt of Bellows Falls and Emery of Newport, these three, and the greatest of these is who?" The order should be reversed—Emery for Faith, Babbitt for Hope and Hartness for Charity; then, last but not least, the greatest of these, of course, is Charity.

All Good Timber.  
(Springfield Reporter)

The state press seems to be unanimously of the opinion that the Republican party in Vermont never had more reason than at present to be proud of its candidates for governor, and that any one of them would be the one to support if the other two were not in the field. The Enosburg Standard which is inclined to favor Emery, declares that "gubernatorially Vermont is most assuredly picking up."

East Side Congressman  
(Burlington Free Press)

The chief question in Vermont today politically as we have already intimated is "Who's Who?" Any adequate answer to the problem would require several sittings. The only satisfactory way to deal with the problem under the circumstances is to take up one office at a time. We have already discussed various features of the gubernatorial situation. This morning we turn to the question of congressman on the east side.

Ordinarily the Hon. Porter H. Dale would succeed himself in this presidential year without the possibility of a doubt. As the situation stands, however, we expect the consideration which have resulted in the sudden projection of no less than four gubernatorial hats in the political ring, will later lead to the throwing of a similar number of congressional headgear into the arena.

Those people who desire to liberalize the national political situation, will naturally seek the most direct route to that goal. That way lies through the doors of Congress, which deals with federal prohibition legislation. "Dry" candidates, consequently, he must reasonably expect under the circumstances to have "wet" opponents, and one or more damp rivals in the congressional election.

If two or more wet candidates for Congress are to appear, then it is to be taken for granted that political strategy will encourage the appearance of another "dry" candidate so as to offset the division of the wets between two or more candidates. However the Rutland Herald hears that if Dale should be nominated, as now seems likely, then the democrats, it is alleged, consider this year promising for injecting some such personality as that of Harry Witters of St. Johnsbury into the second district campaign for Congress. It thinks that Witters, running on a straight ticket, and the issue of the Volstead enforcement act and re submission of the eighteenth amendment, would certainly bring an element of the picturesque into the situation and might give Dale some bad half hours. The Herald adds this commentary to the whole situation:

"Starting with a dispatch, dated at White River Junction for convenience, which projected the name of Lieutenant Governor Mason S. Stone into the public view as a contender for the republican nomination for Congress, in the second district, the rumor market is further enriched by the fact that Ernest W. Gibson of Brattleboro is being consistently urged by try conclusions with Congressman Porter H. Dale in the primaries. "Gibson with his American Legion affiliations and his known abilities as a campaigner, would be nearly as formidable an opponent for Dale as would Stone. Either would be a perplexing and uncertain element to contend with, and both would constitute a triangle that might result in almost anything."

It is well known fact that the Hon. John W. Gordon of Barre and the Honorable Harry B. Ames of Island Pond have hitherto allowed the information to percolate in various directions that at the right time they might be willing to spend a few years in Washington officially. If there is to be a congressional mix-up, then some in line on general principles who ordinarily might not think of becoming candidates at this time. With all the considerations mentioned involved it is hard to tell where or when the political kaleidoscope will stop turning now that its dizzy and bewildering revolutions have begun.

**HE COULDN'T STRAIGHTEN UP**  
James Garman, Mayfield, Ky., writes: My back used to hurt me at times and I could not get straight half an hour. I took Foley Kidney Pills and have not had the trouble since. I cannot say enough for them and their great work. Foley Kidney Pills help the kidneys do their work in ridding the system of the poisonous waste matter that causes so many aches and pains—Sold everywhere.

### Vermont Legion Meeting.

A convention of the Vermont department of the American Legion was held in Montpelier Friday. The morning and afternoon sessions were occupied in an explanation of the war risk insurance in which many matters were cleared up. In the evening a public meeting was held with the following speakers: John M. Thomas of Middlebury, Fred A. Howland of Montpelier, R. G. Cholmeley-Jones of the War Risk Bureau and Major T. Axton chaplain of the port of embarkation at New York. The meeting was not very largely attended owing to the unfavorable weather conditions and bad roads.

By a vote of 64 to 10, the meeting endorsed the stand of the national commandery and legislative committee on soldiers' bonuses. Many Wood buttons appeared on Legion members and mention of Gen. Wood in the meeting was applauded.

None so deaf as he who will not hear the calls of one in trouble.

## GUARD AGAINST THE 'FLU

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There can be no doubt that the situation regarding the spread of influenza throughout the country is one of grave concern. It is quite true that the number of cases does not constitute an epidemic such as caused the suffering and sorrow during the terrible days of 1918. Yet there is no disguising the fact that everyone should be on their guard against the disease.

In one city alone, from January 20th to February 21st, three thousand, one hundred and twenty-two cases of Influenza and 189 deaths from the disease were reported to the Health Department.

The outbreak had come at the beginning of the winter instead of the end, we might reasonably feel that the very cold weather would check the spread of the disease. But coming as it has, at the end of the winter, there is grave fear that an epidemic may occur. For spring, with its slush and rain under foot, its dampness and chill, its constant changing from cold to warm and back again, is a prolific source of coughs and colds, pleurisy and pneumonia.

The best protection, in fact, the only safeguard against the 'Flu, is GOOD HEALTH.

Those who are not as well and strong as they should be; those who are underweight; those who are "run-down" through overwork or sickness; should build up at once. What they need is a Blood-purifier, a body-builder, a strength-giver, like "Fruit-a-tives", the wonderful fruit medicine.

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Now is the time to build up your health and strength, not only as a precaution against the ravages of influenza, but also to protect you against "spring fever" and the inevitable reaction which comes with the appearance of warmer weather. Get a box of "Fruit-a-tives" today and let this fruit medicine keep you well.

"Fruit-a-tives" is sold by all dealers at 50c a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50, trial size 25c, or sent postpaid on receipt of price by FRUIT-A-TIVES Limited, OGDENSBURG, N.Y.

### Desertion Notice

Whereas my wife, Dora DeGreevia, has left my bed and board without just cause of provocation, I hereby forbid anyone harboring or trusting her on my account after this date.

CHARLES DEGREEVIA.  
Dated at Barton, Vt., this 1st day of March, 1920. S-1p

### Commissioners' Notice.

Estate of Thos. G. Crandall

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Honorable Probate Court for the district of Orleans, COMMISSIONERS to receive, examine and adjust the claims and demands of all persons against the estate of Thos. G. Crandall late of Orleans in said district deceased, and to allow and pay the same in full or in part as may be justly due, hereby give notice that we will meet for the purpose aforesaid, at the office of Central Savings Bank, in the village of Orleans, in said district, on the 6th day of April and 18th day of August next, from 1 o'clock p. m. until 4 o'clock p. m., on each of said days, and that six months from the 30th day of February, A. D. 1920, is the time limited by said court for said creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated at Orleans, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1920.

ROY BRAN, J. B. FLINT, Commissioners

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Estate of Etta Tripp

STATE OF VERMONT

District of Orleans, ss.

The Honorable Probate Court for the District of Orleans do hereby certify that the estate of Etta Tripp late of Barton in said district deceased, GREETING WHEREAS, application hath been made to this court in writing by the Administrator praying for license and authority to sell all of real estate of said deceased to wit, the home place of the said Etta Tripp situated on Willoughby Street, so called in the village of Orleans, consisting of house and barn and lot of land in connection therewith representing to said court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased to sell said real estate and convert the same into money.

And coming into court the consent and approbation in writing of all the heirs to said estate residing in this State, and setting forth the situation of the real estate, WHEREUPON, the said court appointed and assigned the 19th day of March, 1920, at the Probate Office in Newport, in said district, at 2 o'clock p. m., to hear and decide upon said application and petition, and to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the Orleans County Monitor, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing. THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand at Newport, in said district, this 27th day of February, 1920.

B. M. SPOONER, Register.

### Liberation Notice

This is to give public notice that I have this day given my son, Calvin A. Sanborn, his time, and will claim none of his wages nor pay any of his bills after this date.

E. G. Sanborn,  
Irassburg, Vt., March 10, 1920. 10-12p

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